



To: IHFA Partners **Notice:** FSP-04-01
From: Community Development Department
Date: January 12, 2004
Re: **Public Input Process on Allocation of Federal Funds and Comments on IHFA Applications**

Public Forums

The time has arrived for our regional public forums to receive citizen input for Indiana's 2004 Consolidated Plan Update. This year, we will be meeting in Vincennes, Seymour, Auburn, Crawfordsville, Rensselaer, and Rushville to hear your ideas about how to address local housing and community development needs in Indiana.

A brochure describing the Consolidated Plan and the Federal funding programs involved may be viewed at <http://www.in.gov/ihfa/comdev/newsfaqs/newsfaqs.htm>. The brochure also gives the dates and specific locations of the public forums. We encourage your organization to take advantage of the public comment process as an opportunity for your clients and staff to express their views. In particular, public housing authorities are encouraged to become involved in the planning process so that you can ensure that your local agency plans remain consistent with the policies of the State Consolidated Plan.

If you would like more information regarding the document that is prepared, the 2003 Consolidated Plan may be viewed at <http://www.in.gov/ihfa/comdev/conplan/plan.htm>.

Comments on IHFA's Application Packages

IHFA will host a session prior to each public forum to solicit comments on recommended changes to the policies and guidelines of the Housing from Shelters to Homeownership, CHDO Works, Foundations, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) application packages.

If you are unable to attend the sessions on the IHFA application packages, we would still appreciate your comments. Please forward your suggestions in writing to Jim Kaufman, Allocation Specialist, either via mail or e-mail at jkaufman@ihfa.state.in.us.

Your assistance and participation in the planning process will help make the 2004 Consolidated Plan Update a more valuable tool for us all. It will also make IHFA's Community Development programs more responsive to the needs of low income Hoosiers.

If you have any questions regarding the Consolidated Plan process, please contact Erika Scott, Allocation Manager, at (800) 872-0371.

